

MARCH OF PROGRESS IS FELT IN WEST

Greatest Migration in Generations Now Under Way.

PROBLEMS OFFERED
BY OVERCROWDING

Department of Agriculture Takes
Issue With the Statement

Of James J. Hill.

By J. C. WELLIVER.

Are the people really leaving the farm in alarming numbers, in order to crowd into the cities?

James J. Hill says they are. The Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior don't agree with him. On the other hand, those two departments find there is in progress today such a movement as has never taken place before since the great migration which settled the Ohio and Mississippi valleys.

Not only this, but the new migration to the semi-arid plains and to the intermountain West is of such tremendous proportions that it is giving great concern to far-seeing men, who fear that it is going to be followed by the imposition of some new and difficult obligations on the Government.

Thousands and tens of thousands of people are crowding into the lands west of the 100th meridian, buying or homesteading; they are building homes on the farms and starting new towns; they are starting to farm that country, and thus far, since the present movement began, they have had gratifying success. But it is a region of sharply limited rainfall; in the last few years, from all accounts, the precipitation has been above the normal average. Long experience has led to the conclusion that an excess of moisture covering a period of years is certain to be followed by a deficiency distributed over a like period. What will become of these new settlers when the dry and lean years come?

May Be Repeated.

It is, in short, the serious question whether the whole region of the Rocky mountain slope must go through another period of settlement and depopulation, as much of it has done before. The present migration has filled up the western Nebraska and western Kansas plains, which years ago, in a like movement, were occupied, only to be largely abandoned by the settlers when the dry years came.

The present movement, however, is a vastly bigger one than any former one. The western part of the two Dakotas, once known as the "Bad Lands," are fast being developed and put into cultivation; fifteen years ago they were frankly regarded as worthless, and the most enthusiastic boomer did not dream of trying to people them. Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, all come into this category. The belief is that Nebraska and Kansas, even to their westernmost extremes, are now comparatively safe; new crops and new methods of cultivation, experience in the effort to make the most of the country, irrigation, and, finally, the fact that the present settlers are possessed of more means than their predecessors have been and are able to establish themselves comfortably and even to live through a period of lean years while they are learning what the country is good for.

But all this does not relieve the agricultural and the public land authorities from their anxiety over the outcome. Secretary Wilson is centering all possible energies in the effort to develop means and methods to assist these people. He will try to get more means from Congress for carrying on the work. At the interior Department the demand for more means will center largely in the effort to put as much water as possible on the land as there is water. Vast areas can never be irrigated. They must be made the most of without irrigation, and that means that farming or stock raising methods must be devised for them.

Increase Continues.

Judge James W. Witten, of the General Land Office, just returned from conducting a huge land lottery for the Standing Rock Indian lands, in western South Dakota, has been immensely impressed with the great movement to the farms in the last few years. He is assured that it will be greater the coming season than ever before.

"We had 10,000 quarter-section homesteads in our lottery on the Standing Rock lands," he said, "and 5,000 people registered in person at the six places of registration, for a chance to draw. At Aberdeen, S. D., alone no less than 55,000 registered. They came from all over the country, but mainly from Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. Everybody in all that great valley is wild to get land. They know that the supply of cheap land will be gone forever, and the eagerness is almost unbelievable. A very few years ago there would be no more cheap land, say nothing of homesteads."

"The wonder to me, in all these drawings I have been conducting, is the number of people who come from the cities. They want to get land, they want to be able to leave the cities. I can talk a day with the people who came for that drawing, and convince yourself that the cities have about as much inside out, to distribute their millions over the face of the new West. There were two railroad engineers from St. Paul, who wanted farms so they could leave the road and settle down and 'get something together for their families.' Neither drew. An old lady from Sandusky, Ohio, waited day by day throughout the drawing, in the hope that her name would be called. At last on the afternoon of the closing day, as the last numbers were coming out, she turned away in tears, to leave the gathering. Hesitating to give up, she went to the bulletin where the names of the lucky ones were posted, and stood, hopelessly waiting, over the names. What was her surprise to find her own name among the earliest called on the first day. She had drawn one of the best pieces in the entire list, but had not heard her name when it was called."

The people are going with plenty of money; they build good homes right at the outset; they introduce fine stock and plenty of it; and they are going to succeed as their predecessors could not do. The day of pioneering is past. Two years after it is opened, that country will look just like sections settled a generation. There is no frontier, and there are almost no poor homesteaders such as we knew in the ox-train and prairie schooner times."

M'COEY IS FAVORED AS BROOKLYN BOSS

Looked Upon as Successor
to the Late Senator
McCarren.

LONG EXPERIENCE
IN CITY POLITICS

New Leader Is Expected to Wipe
Out Bitterness in Organ-
ization.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The mantle of the late Senator Patrick H. McCarren, for years the Democratic leader of Brooklyn, will fall upon the shoulders of John H. McCoey, the defeated Democratic candidate for Kings Borough president.

It is the general belief that he will be unanimously elected by the Democratic Kings county executive committee on Thursday night.

In speaking with a representative of The Times this afternoon Mr. McCoey said: "If I am the unanimous choice of the Democratic organization for leader I shall accept. My information now is that I am to be elected."

Mr. McCoey was asked if he was persona grata with Mayor-elect Gaynor.

"Yes, I am friendly with every man who was elected on Tuesday."

As Democratic leader of Kings county, Mr. McCoey will act as mouthpiece of the organization in the disposal of the patronage which is to come to Brooklyn.

McCoey has long been active in Democratic politics in Brooklyn, and was a



JOHN H. M'COEY.

steadfast friend and supporter of McCarren during the six years' factional strife which followed his capture of the leadership from Hugh McLaughlin. He has been in public office for many years. He started as superintendent of a postoffice station in Brooklyn, and was made assistant postmaster by President Cleveland. Later he became in succession deputy county treasurer, register of arrears and assessments, secretary to the civil commissioner, then president of the commission, and finally deputy controller under Mr. Metz.

He is in the prime of life, an adept in the political game, and it is predicted that under his leadership the old factional bitterness in the party will disappear.

ABDICATION RUMOR REVIVED IN GREECE

Report Received in Copen-
hagen Strengthens Belief.
Negotiating for Estate.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 8.—News received here that King George of Greece is negotiating for the purchase of the Steensborg estate, near Copenhagen, has caused considerable excitement in diplomatic circles. The negotiations are generally accepted as proof of the forthcoming abdication of the Greek monarch.

Situation Changed.

ATHENS, Nov. 8.—The political situation here has again undergone a complete change, and the Loyal Navy party now appears to be in control of the country's affairs. The loyal officers gained great strength by their attitude in the Typaldos uprising.

The naval party has forced Colonel Tsorbas, president of the Military League, which has been in control of affairs for months, to leave the punishment of Commander Typaldos for his revolt entirely to the navy. This has been insisted upon because it was generally believed that Typaldos' insurrection was but the premature opening of a revolt planned by the Military League.

In this the naval officers have secured the support of the moderate army officers, and it now seems probable that the Military League will be completely overthrown.

Whatever the outcome of the present situation may be, there is no doubt here that King George will be forced to abdicate.

BASEBALL PITCHER
MAY BE GOVERNOR

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—Friends of Congressman John R. Tener have announced he has consented to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor at the June caucus.

Tener, formerly a Chicago pitcher in the National Baseball League, and who went around the world with Anson, is the special choice of United States Senator Penrose for governor. Tener is president of the First National Bank of Charleston, Pa., and has another year to serve as Congressman.

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SCHLEY DECLINES TO DISCUSS POLE

No Chance for a Dispute
Among Admirals of Navy
Over Cook's Claims.

The refusal of Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley to pick up the gauntlet thrown down by Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester, U. S. A., retired, in a speech before the University Club, has precluded any possibility of the Cook-Pearry polar dispute resulting in a general controversy among the admirals of the navy.

Admiral Schley, defender of Dr. Cook, today declined to make any comments upon the address delivered Saturday night by Admiral Chester, in which he not only characterized Dr. Cook as a faker, but declared he did not approach nearer than a distance of 564 miles from the pole.

"You will have to excuse me; I do not wish to engage in any controversy," said Admiral Schley.

Scientists Interested.

Scientists here are still discussing Admiral Chester's speech. The importance of the naval officer's accusation lies not only in the fact that he is an eminent astronomical authority and was formerly superintendent of the United States Naval Observatory, but in that he was one of the special subcommittee of three appointed by the National Geographic Society to examine the records of Commander Peary and report on his claim to polar discovery. The subcommittee declared that Peary had reached the pole.

"I used as the basis of my research the data used by Dr. Cook in his copyrighted stories of his polar expedition printed in a New York newspaper, and carefully studied these observations," said Admiral Chester. "It is true that I referred to him as a faker."

Height of Sun.

Admiral Chester points out that Dr. Cook states on April 7 he first saw the midnight sun at 86 degrees 28 minutes, a distance of 235 miles from the Pole. In reality on that date, according to the Nautical Almanac, the midnight sun would have been visible as far south as 82 degrees, a distance of 534 miles from the Pole.

Prof. J. M. Stockwell, of Cleveland, the admiral said, had showed that from Dr. Cook's own statements, if his latitude was correct, Dr. Cook ought to have seen the midnight sun above the horizon on April 1. Dr. Cook's own account fixed this date at April 7.

Admiral Chester pointed out where Dr. Cook had tried to explain the discrepancy, and also gave other data why he believed the Brooklyn physician never reached the Pole. His conclusion he said the explorer never went further than 82 degrees, just beyond Cape Thomas Hubbard, and that he then started back south.

EXCHEQUER OF JUNGLE KILLED GOING TO BANK

Sober and Industrious Man of Montclair, N. J., Swears
That He Waylaid and Murdered Snake Who Had
All His Coin Arranged in Order.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Edward Sonstrom, a truthful, sober and industrious person, killed a blacksnake five feet long yesterday near the bridge over Toney's brook, Montclair, N. J. The location is fixed with particularity because it is still there, an enduring proof of the remarkable facts that follow.

The Sonstroms live near the bridge. Mrs. Sonstrom sent her two little girls to a delicatessen store to buy things for the Sunday dinner. The children had just returned from Sunday school. Mary is seven years old, Alice five. Her mamma gave Mary two silver quarters. The children were crossing the brook when they came upon the blacksnake, coiled as if to spring at them. To their terrified eyes it looked as big as an anaconda. Mary, in her fright, dropped the quarters and with Alice fled, screaming.

Mary dared to look over her shoulder to see if the snake was chasing them.

To her amazement, she saw the snake swallow the coins, then coil up in the sun as if to digest them at leisure.

The girls went home and told their papa and mamma. Sonstrom, seizing a club, ran to the bridge. The snake was still there and showed fight, but Sonstrom killed it. He took the reptile home with the hope of recovering the coins. He did so with interest. In fact, before he got through with the snake he felt like a miser, a mine discoverer, or a bank robber.

More remarkable still, the coins were stacked so as to be accommodated to the diminishing caliber of the snake's purse. That is, the half dollar was nearest to the mouth of the snake, then the quarters, and so on, the dimes last, although a dime is nearly as large in circumference as a cent.

Mr. Sonstrom has the snake, \$4.82 in change, and the bridge remains in its place.

POSTOFFICE JOB IS MUCH DESIRED

Selection of Man Is Post-
poned in Order to Have
Applicants Considered.

Postmaster General Hitchcock will not reach a decision in the immediate future as to what man shall be recommended for appointment as postmaster of Washington.

Mr. Hitchcock, since his return to this city, has received numerous requests for interviews from the friends of the various aspirants for the place, and he has decided to get the views of all those who are interested in recommending men for the position. This will take some little time, and it is not likely he will decide the matter before the convening of Congress.

He sticks to the position he took in the first place—the man selected should be one identified with Washington and its interests, and he is determined to get the man whom he considers best suited.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS RESIGN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 8.—Premier Stolypin has taken to the czar the resignation of Gen. W. A. von Boeckman, governor general of Finland, and M. Knolovich, director of General von Boeckman's chancellery. The officials to replace them will carry out the government's policy of bringing Finland under close control.



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